

# GIVES ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO FIGHT HOOKWORM DISEASE

## HOPES TO ASSIST PEOPLE OF SOUTH

**He Wishes to Show Appreciation  
for Hospitalities From "Warm-  
Hearted" Southerners—Al-  
derman, of Virginia, and  
Joyner, of North Caro-  
lina, on Board.**

**N**EW YORK, October 28.—A gift of \$1,000,000, by John D. Rockefeller, to fight the "hookworm disease," was announced at the office of the Standard Oil Company late today.

A dozen well known educators and scientists, selected in large part from institutions of learning in the South, where the parasite is prevalent, were called in conference with Mr. Rockefeller's representatives at the Standard Oil Company's offices at 20 Broadway last Tuesday, and at that meeting Mr. Rockefeller's desire to organize a commission to carry on a campaign against the disease was discussed. As a result of this discussion, the situation of the Rockefeller Commission for the Eradication of the Hookworm Disease" at once arose.

The members of this commission, as selected by Mr. Rockefeller, are:

Dr. William H. Welch, professor of pathology in Johns Hopkins University, president of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Simon Flexner, director of Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

Dr. Charles W. Stiles, chief of the division of zoology, United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, and discoverer of the American hookworm, and the prevalence of the disease in America.

Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia.

Dr. David F. Houston, chancellor of Washington University, St. Louis.

Professor P. P. Claxton, professor of education in the University of Tennessee.

Hon. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Education in North Carolina, and president of the National Educational Association,  
Walter H. Page, editor of the World's Work.  
Dr. H. B. Frissell, principal Hampton Institute.  
Frederick T. Gates, one of Rockefeller's business managers.  
Starr J. Murphy, Mr. Rockefeller's counsel in benevolent matters.  
John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

**All Accept Places.**  
All but Professor Claxton and Mr. Joyner were present at the meeting Tuesday, and they have both since accepted places on the board elected to carry out Mr. Rockefeller's plans.

Tuesday's conference Mr. Rockefeller addressed to each a letter, pointing out his desire to eliminate the hoodlums and parasites from the country. He had been his pleasure to spend a portion of each year among the warm-hearted people of the South, and was glad to have the opportunity to express his appreciation of their many kindnesses and hospitality.

The members of the commission, from their reply to Mr. Rockefeller, a letter of \$1,000,000, declared that the proposition met with their hearty approbation.

"We are millions of our people are infected with this parasite," they added. "It is by no means confined to one class; it takes its grip on the whole community. Intelligent and well-to-do, as well as from the less fortunate."

His correspondence in full follows.

Mr. Rockefeller wrote to the commission:

ferres: "New York, October 26, 1908.  
"Gentlemen.—For many months  
representatives have been inquiring  
into the nature and prevalence of  
"hookworm disease" and considering  
plans for mitigating the same. It  
develops that the matter only up  
to the facts as to the extent of the disease  
could be verified and the effectiveness  
of its cure and prevention demon-  
strated.

"The wide distribution and the  
serious effects of this malady, particu-  
larly in the rural districts of the  
order States, have been pointed out  
by Messrs. Wardell Sillies, of the Uni-  
ted States Public Health and Marine Hos-  
pital Service, have now been demon-  
strated by independent examinations of  
the material furnished by the investi-  
gators and by the laboratory investi-

"Knowing your interest in all matters to the well-being of your low men and your acquaintance with this subject, I have no intention of coming in the hope that it may lead to the adoption of well considered plans for a co-operative movement among the low men. I shall have officials, boards of trade, church schools, the press and other agencies for the cure and prevention of disease.

"If you deem it wise to undertake this commission I shall be glad to permit you to make such use of the money as you may call upon me for time to time for such sums as may be needed during the next five years, ending on the 31st of December, 1914, to total of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

act in any movement which offers assurance of relieving human suffering is a peculiar pleasure to me. It is that the best qualities of your blood will be among the people of the Southern States. It has been a pleasure of mine to know and to respect great men of the South and I have come to know and to respect great men of our country. It has been a pleasure to me to know of many of the warm-hearted people of the South. Therefore, be an added gratification to me if in this way I can express my appreciation of the many kindnesses and hospitalities. I am, very truly,

(Signed)  
JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

Reply to Rockefeller

The reply, signed by a member of the Rockefeller family, was as follows: "New York, October 18, 1905. "Mr. John D. Rockefeller, New York City. "Dear Sir:—We are glad to have paid such sums as may be required during the next five years up to a total of \$1,000,000 to carry on the work of the Rockefeller Foundation for eradication of hookworm disease has our hearty approbation, and we accept your invitation to the dedication of the opportunity."

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